

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-19 and 21-25 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hansen (USP 3,407,300). The Examiner next rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Toth et al. (USP 5,644,614). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Tybinkowski et al. (USP 6,556,657). Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glenn et al (USP 6,672,773) in view of Ishiharada et al. (USP 5,692,088).

Applicant appreciates the allowability of claims 5, 12-19, and 21-25

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2-5. As claim 5 was indicated as allowable, claim 1, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 6-8, 10, 12-19, and 21-25.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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